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### FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE DURING JUNE

During June, the third month of the 1941 halibut season, the United States halibut fleet landed 2,973,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$329,000, at Seattle as the result of 138 trips to North Pacific grounds, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with June 1940, when a total of 3,096,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$298,000, the 1941 figures represent a decrease in volume of 123,000 pounds, but an increase in value of \$31,000.

Species landed in June of this year included 2,881,000 pounds of halibut (1,627,000 pounds of No. 1, and 1,254,000 pounds of No. 2), worth \$324,000; 33,000 pounds of "lingcod", valued at \$761; 8,820 pounds of rockfishes, at \$269; and 50,000 pounds of sablefish, at \$3,215.

For the first six months of 1941, halibut fleet landings at Seattle total 10,050,000 pounds, valued at \$1,000,000. Compared with 9,864,000

pounds, worth \$905,000, for the same period in 1940, this represents an increase of about 186,000 pounds in volume, and \$95,000 in value.

Total receipts for halibut landings on the Pacific Coast by United States and Canadian vessels for June, the third month of the 1941 season, amount to 11,312,000 pounds. Compared with a total of 11,019,000 pounds for the same month in 1940, this shows an increase of about 293,000 pounds in volume for 1941. In addition, to Seattle, these landings are made at Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka, Wrangell, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island ports.

Miscellaneous receipts, by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 3,120,000 pounds, valued at \$174,000, divided among 18 classifications. Compared with 1,892,000 pounds, worth \$115,000, received during June 1940, this represents an increase in volume of 1,228,000 pounds, or 65 percent, and about \$59,000, or 51 percent, in value.

Total halibut and salmon (fresh and frozen) receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers for June 1941 amounted to 5,002,000 pounds; for the same month last year the total was 4,874,000 pounds.

The monthly summary also lists coastwise vessel receipts from Alaska (429,000 pounds, fresh and frozen); imports from British Columbia (612,000 pounds, fresh and frozen); Alaska troll salmon receipts (2,788,000 pounds); and halibut and troll salmon landings at Eureka, California (374,000 pounds).

Pacific Coast cold storage data secured from 20 warehouses (Washington 5, Alaska 7, and British Columbia 8) indicate a total of 4,153,000 pounds of halibut and salmon was placed in cold storage between June 1 and 15, while 498,000 pounds were withdrawn during the same period. On May 15, cold storage holdings of these species amounted to 8,147,000 pounds; on June 1, 10,623,000 pounds; and on June 15, 14,277,000 pounds.